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[on the report of the Third Committee (A/46/704/Add.1)]

46/153. United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision 45/428 of 14 December 1990 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/19 of 24 May 1990,

Considering the impact of carefully considered and formulated international standards and the world-wide improvement in the functioning of criminal justice systems,

Conscious of the vital role of regional cooperation in the fight against crime and of the potential contribution of interregional and regional institutes in the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders,

Recognizing the important role of the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders in organizing, inter alia, training programmes and regional seminars, conducting research in the field of criminal justice, providing advisory opinion on policy matters, promoting and facilitating cooperation among the States of the region with the United Nations and the need to provide sufficient resources to the Institute, particularly in view of its increasing workload in response to strongly felt international concerns,

Aware of the difficulties faced by the Institute owing to the non-availability of required resources,

Aware also that resources to the Institute have failed to keep pace with the expansion of its responsibilities, owing to the fact that many States of the African region are in the category of the least developed countries and therefore lack the necessary resources with which to support the Institute,

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Recalling that the Secretary-General, in his report on the work of the Organization for 1991, 1/ stressed the need for effective intergovernmental mechanisms and much stronger judicial and police cooperation among States owing to the upsurge in and transnationalization of crime,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders and other United Nations institutes for crime prevention and criminal justice, 2/

1. Calls upon Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide financial and other support to the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders in the fulfilment of its objectives, particularly those concerning training, technical assistance, policy guidance, research and data collection;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that sufficient resources are provided to the Institute within the overall appropriations of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 to enable the Institute to carry out, in full and on time, all its mandates;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/46/1), sect. X.

2/ A/46/524.